

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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OUR PARISH TEAM:

Pastor	Rev. Michael Machacek
In Residence	Rev. John Mullins
In Residence	Rev. Anthony Akpanessien
Permanent Deacon	Mr. Gerry Almeida
Administrative Assistant	Joanna Andrews
Youth Minister	Courtney Strom
Caretaker	Mr. Antonio Marinucci



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Last Sunday of each month at 12:45 p.m.
Those concerned MUST contact the parish office well in advance, because of the general instruction.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
OR anytime by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples planning to be married must contact a priest one year in advance.

SACRAMENT FOR THE SICK & ELDERLY

If a family member is in hospital and needs to receive the Sacrament for the sick/elderly, please approach the Nurses' Station, and request them to contact the "Priest on Duty". A priest will always be on-duty for these requests at all hospitals in the Greater Toronto Area.

DEVOTIONS

DAILY ROSARY: Prior to all Weekday Masses.

MONDAYS: CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY 10:00 AM; CENACLE OF OUR LADY 10:15 AM.

TUESDAYS: Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena, 6:30 PM.

WEDNESDAYS: OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA 6:30 PM.

THURSDAYS: SACRED HEART DEVOTION 10:00 AM.

FIRST FRIDAY (October-June)

Mass: 9:30 a.m.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Silent Adoration: 10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.
Benediction: 10:50 a.m.

We Welcome All New Parishioners:

Please register at the Parish Office during office hours. Thank you.

Please remember Nativity of Our Lord Parish in your will.

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY
9:00 a.m. - 12 NOON;
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
9:00 a.m. - 12 NOON;
1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
FRIDAY & SATURDAY - CLOSED
SUNDAY
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS:
5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MASS:
9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:30 a.m.
Friday	9:30 a.m.

OUR SCHOOLS

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
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YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Mass: Sundays 11:30 am

Email: youthminister@nativityym.com

Website: <http://www.nativityym.com>

LifeTeen Program for High School Students -
every 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month.

EDGE Program for Grades 6 - 8 Students -
every 1st, 3rd & 5th Fridays of the month;
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

GROUPS

Altar Guild:	Alice Mycan
Altar Servers:	Fr. Michael
Bereavement Support Group:	Linda Wisz
Bible Study	Linda Wisz
Caring Ministry: Gabriela Herman	416-695-0169
Catholic Cemeteries:	416-733-8544
Catholic Family Services:	416-921-1163
Charismatic Prayer Group:	Theresa Smith
Children's Liturgy:	Anita Jakovcic
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Knights of Columbus: Frank Messina	416-716-8423
Lay Ministers of Eucharist:	Clive Ferrao
Lectors:	Leslie Borbas
Legion of Mary:	Karen Armstrong
Public School Religious Ed.:	416-621-2732
R.C.I.A.:	Deacon Gerry Almeida
St. Vincent de Paul Society:	416-695-0169
Ushers:	Leonard Roach
Welcoming Committee:	Angela Reid
Youth Ministry:	Courtney Strom

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
GAUDETE SUNDAY**

Zephaniah 3: 14-18a Repentant, exiled Israel is called to hope and joy.

Philippians 4: 4-7 Rejoice; be kind and thankful!

Luke 3: 10-18 John teaches repentance and proclaims Christ's coming.

Today's readings continue the themes of hope and expectation, adding the element of rejoicing – for Israel, for those awaiting the Messiah and for us. But there is also a summons to repentance and reformed conduct. The good news is tempered with a call to responsibility on our part. Like those before us, we are urged to hope and rejoice. In addition, we must ask the question: "What should we do?"

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas week from 12 noon on Monday, 24th December through Thursday, 28th December. We will reopen at 10:00 am on Sunday 30th December until 1:00pm. For the New Year holiday we will close at 12 noon on Monday 31st December and reopen on Wednesday, 2nd January 2019 at 9:00am.

Sign-up Sheets – Church Ministries

Once more, we look forward to the assistance of our different ministries for our Christmas celebration e.g., Eucharistic ministers, altar servers and ushers. We have sign-up sheets available in the sacristy and in the ushers' room. Kindly sign-up for the mass where you can assist so that we can plan our masses accordingly.



Q: - Do I need to register for Alpha and what does it cost?

A: - Yes, registration is required through the Church office and the program is free.

Program start date: February 6th, 2019
For more information or to register, please call the Parish office.



**2018 Christmas & New
Year 2019
Mass Schedule**

Christmas Eve, Monday, December. 24th

****Please note: there will be NO 9:30 am Mass****

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass
9:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25th

****Please note: there will be NO 7:00 pm Mass****

9:00 am Christmas Day Mass
11:30 am Christmas Day Mass
Celebrant: Most Rev. John Boissonneau
Auxiliary Bishop – Western Region

Wednesday, December. 26th

****Please note: there will be NO 7:00 pm Mass****

New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31st

****Please note: there will be NO 9:30 am Mass****

5:00 pm New Year's Eve Mass

New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1st, 2019

****Please note: there will be NO 7:00 pm Mass****

9:00 am New Year's Day Mass
11:30 am New Year's Day Mass

Advent Day of Reconciliation

Monday, December 17th, 2018 6:45 pm – 8 pm

On this Monday, December 17th, 2018, our parish will have our Advent Day of Reconciliation. From 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm, several priests will be available to all who wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). All parishioners are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to come to confession and prepare for the coming of our Saviour at Christmas!

Catholic Women's League



If you haven't already done so, please contact Alice Mycan at 416 621-0689 for payment of your membership dues.

Confirmation Program – Grade 7 Students Parents' Information Meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 7:30 pm, Church Hall

Prior to the meeting, please register online at:
nativityym.com/confirmation

To complete registration, please bring with you to the meeting:

1. A copy of your child's Roman Catholic Baptism Certificate.
2. \$50 for class supplies and gown rental.
(cash/cheque to Nativity of Our Lord Parish)

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Saturday, June 8th, 2019 at our 5:00 pm Mass. Bishop John Boissonneau will preside.

2019 Offertory Envelopes



The 2019 Offertory Envelopes are now available in the Church Hall. The envelope boxes are arranged by envelope number. If you do not remember your envelope number, there are binders available listing the names in alphabetical order and the corresponding envelope number. If your envelope box is missing, please check with the parish office to get a new one. We request parishioners to kindly check that the information on the label is current and accurate. If there are any changes, please inform the parish office.

We invite all families who are new to the parish to come and register as parishioners and receive boxed envelopes for next year's offertory donations.

2018 – 2019 Sunday Missals

The Sunday missals for the New Year 2018-2019 are available in the pews. Kindly leave these missals in the church for the use of all parishioners. Personal copies of the new Sunday missals are available in the Parish Office for \$5 each.

Nativity of Our Lord YOUTH MINISTRY



Next EDGE: January 18th

Grades 6 – 8

1st, 3rd, & 5th Fridays of the month
7 – 9 pm in the Church Hall



Next LifeTeen : January 11th

Grades 9 – 12.

2nd & 4th Fridays of the month
7 – 9:30 pm Upstairs Rm 1

If you would like to get involved or have any questions about our Youth Ministry programs, contact Courtney: youthminister@nativityym.com
416-621-2732 Ext 22

YOUTH MASS

Every Sunday 11:30 am

Eucharistic Adoration- The Summit December 19th at 7:30 pm - 8:45 pm

Come join us for an evening to reflect on the season of Advent before the Blessed Sacrament as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. Hosted by Nativity's Youth Ministry. All are invited!

Nativity's Annual LifeTeen Retreat

Who: All high school students

When: February 1-3, 2019

Where: Valley of the Mother of God, Orangeville

Cost: \$100

(All food, transportation, accommodations, program & t-shirt provided)

Come join us for a fun & faith-filled weekend away. Retreat forms can be picked up and dropped off at the Parish office before January 11th, 2019.

For more information, please contact Courtney Strom.

New Ushers Needed

We are looking for new ushers particularly during our Saturday 5:00 am and Sunday 9:00 am masses. Please contact the parish office if you can serve in this ministry.

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